

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** L. Andrew Koman, *et al.*

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, the following amendments, along with accompanying remarks, are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant notes that the three month deadline for filing a response is September 22, 2006; thus this Response is timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.